

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2315**

**Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House**

**1804 Ridge Road**

**Lutherville-Timonium, Baltimore County**

**1890**

**Private**

The Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House was constructed in 1890 to replace the Ridge Methodist Protestant Church that was erected circa 1830 at the terminus of Ridge Road at Falls Road. The 1877 county atlas labels the structure "Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House." At that time, the surrounding land was rural and populated by the Jones, Whiteford, Leaf, Griffith, and Gent families. The circa 1830 church was used until 1890, when the extant church was erected on the property of the earlier structure. Construction of the extant church was carried out by contractor C.T. Gist. The church was dedicated two years later. This area of Baltimore County remained rural through the early 20th century, and only a modest amount of farmland development is indicated by the 1915 county atlas, which continues to label the building "Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House." Since the early 20th century, the congregation has changed to Grace Methodist.

The Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House was built in the Queen Anne style fronting south with a cemetery to the east and north. The parged stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with vinyl, German siding and an exterior-end brick chimney. Improved in 1952, the building stands one-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide. Projecting from the asphalt shingle, front gable roof is a three-story-high bell tower capped with a pyramidal, asphalt shingle roof. The third story of the square tower is pierced on all sides with a round-arched opening. The second story has a small, round-arched 1/1 window on the south and east elevations. The first story of the tower has a 4/4 window on the façade. All the windows are vinyl with square-edged vinyl surrounds and sills. The entry, protected by a gabled door hood with brackets, has a flush, double-leaf wood door under a round arched transom. Next to the entry on the façade is a 4/4 vinyl window with a square-edged sill and surround. To the east is a one-story, half-hipped addition with a single-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. A one-story shed roof addition projects from the rear, north elevation spanning the width of the original building. Located to the east and north of the church is a cemetery with approximately 300 markers. Laid out in about twenty rows running north and south, the mostly granite and marble headstones stand upright facing east. The cemetery, dating from the mid-nineteenth century to the late twentieth century, features family names such as Tawney, Perry, Baublitts, Deveas, Seipp, and Mallonee. Located to the west of the church is a circa 1900 parish hall. The parged stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with asbestos shingles.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2315

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Grace Methodist Church (preferred)

other Grace United Methodist Church

### 2. Location

street and number 1804 Ridge Road not for publication

city, town Lutherville-Timonium vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Grace Methodist Church

street and number 1804 Ridge Road telephone Not Available

city, town Lutherville-Timonium state MD zip code 21903

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Not Available folio Not Available

city, town Towson tax map 50 tax parcel 50 tax ID number 0809023150

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1890, the Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House was built in the Queen Anne style fronting south with a cemetery to the east and north. The parged stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with vinyl, German siding and an exterior-end brick chimney. Improved in 1952, the building stands one-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide. Projecting from the asphalt shingle, front gable roof is a three-story-high bell tower capped with a pyramidal, asphalt shingle roof. The third story of the square tower is pierced on all sides with a round-arched opening. The second story has a small, round-arched 1/1 window on the south and east elevations. The first story of the tower has a 4/4 window on the façade. All the windows are vinyl with square-edged vinyl surrounds and sills. The entry, protected by a gabled door hood with brackets, has a flush, double-leaf wood door under a round arched transom. Next to the entry on the façade is a 4/4 vinyl window with a square-edged sill and surround. To the east is a one-story, half-hipped addition with a single-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. A one-story shed roof addition projects from the rear, north elevation spanning the width of the original building.

Located to the east and north of the church is a cemetery with approximately 300 markers. Laid out in about twenty rows running north and south, the mostly granite and marble headstones stand upright facing east. The cemetery, dating from the mid-nineteenth century to the late twentieth century, features family names such as Tawney, Perry, Baublitts, Deveas, Seipp, and Mallonee.

Located to the west of the church is a circa 1900 parish hall. The parged stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with asbestos shingles. The façade features two, 9/9 vinyl windows and one square, louvered vent in the gable end with a round-arched transom. All of the windows have square-edged sills and surrounds. The entry, protected by a gabled portico with square posts, has a double-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. Projecting to the west is a two-story addition that has been clad with stucco and features a central interior chimney made of concrete block.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1890-present **Architect/Builder** C.T. Gist, Contractor

**Construction dates** 1890, 1952

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.  
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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1890, the Ridge Methodist Episcopal Meeting House has been associated with the two acres of land known as tax parcel 50 of map 50 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 1891 - 1804 Ridge Road, Chestnut Ridge vicinity. Constructed in 1891 to replace a 60-year-old building called Ridge Methodist Protestant Church. Contractor was C.T. Gist. Dedicated in 1892. Aluminum siding. Gable roofed. Cemetery. Simplified Gothic Revival style.